Subject No. 37.

Refund of deposit amounts in Revenue sales.

Messrs. T. M. Ramachandra Rao, Bowringpet Taluk and M. V. Ramalinga Chetty, Bowringpet Municipality.

Mr. M. V. Ramalinga Chetty.—People who purchase lands in revenue sales have to pay the money immediately after the purchase but the sales are not confirmed for years together. Till then, the purchaser enjoys neither the land nor any other benefit from the money he has spent. It does not fetch him any interest. So, if revenue sales are set aside, the money paid by the purchaser should be returned with interest at 12 per cent.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 38.

Sale proceeds of lands to be credited to Treasury after the sales are confirmed.

Messrs. Gopalappa, Challakere Taluk and Venkata Rao, Jagalur Taluk.

According to the existing rules, the sale proceeds of the lands are credited to Treasuries. It often takes a long time before the sale is confirmed. If for some reason or other the sale is cancelled, higher authorities have to be petitioned to for the refund of the money which may also take a long time. So sale proceeds may be ordered to be kept in deposit until the confirmation of the sale so that if the sale is cancelled the money may be returned at once to the party.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 39.

Providing funds for the annual repairs of village roads.

Mr. Srinivasa Udupa, Nagar Taluk.

Messrs. Srinivasa Udupa and Hoskoppa Krishna Rao.—The roads constructed out of the funds of the Malnad Improvement Committee are now in utter disrepair and will be rendered altogether useless if neglected for some more years. The annual repair and maintenance of these roads do not form part of the Malnad Improvement programme. District Boards have not enough funds to maintain even those roads which have a legitimate claim on their funds and much less can they attend to the repairs of these roads. So, if it is the intention of Government that District Boards should take up the work, additional grants for the purpose are necessary so long as the Malnad Improvment work continues or, at any rate, for five years to come. People in the Malnad have not yet realized either the usefulness of these roads or their own responsibility in the matter; and, in view of the large amount of money already spent on these roads and also of the fact that any new roads that may be considered necessary in future can only be constructed by means of loans to be specially raised for the purpose, some provision may be made for the maintenance of the village roads. The present grants to District Boards are insufficient and the Kadur District Board, for instance, have passed a resolution that, unless a lakh of rupees is given, the work of road maintenance cannot be taken up by them.